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a stud bridging/spacing member 452 passes therethrough and has a width approximately equal to the width of the conduit opening 453. See Figure 23. A bracket 454 is mounted adjacent of the bridging/spacing member 452 and has a pair of notches 460 therein for engaging the web 451 of the stud 450. A set of holes 458 in the bracket 454 may be used to attach the bracket 454 to the bridging/spacing member 452 with fasteners 459. Since the bracket 454 can be attached to the bridging/spacing member 452 at any point along the length of the bridging/spacing member 452, the bridging/spacing member 452 can be securely mounted to the stud 450 regardless of the spacing between the studs 450. As shown in Figs. 24-26, an alternative bracket 554 is shown having only two openings 558 therein for fasteners to pass therethrough. Self-threading sheet metal screws (not shown) are preferred. However, other fastener and fastener arrangements may be used. In this embodiment, the bracket 554 is approximately 2.5 inches (63.5mm) long (distance "A") and the notches 560 are approximately .75 inches (19mm) offset from the holes 558.--

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1 and 4 as follows:

1. (Twice amended) A stud bridging/spacing system adaptable to engage one or more studs, comprising:

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- a bridging member having a longitudinal axis;

- a bracket attachable to the bridging member at any of a plurality of locations; and